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GEN. KITCHENER FAILS IN A SUPREME EFFORT TO CAPTURE DELAREY

Wily Boer Commander Eludes Tightly-Drawn British Cordon.

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THE WHOLE ARMY WAS UTILIZED

Intent Was to Crush the Boers Against Blockhouses.

ONLY 139 PRISONERS TAKEN

Besides These English Captured Five Guns and a Thousand Cattle, But the Crafty Boer and Practically His Whole Force Got Away.

LONDON, March 26 .- Lord Kitchener reports from Pretoria that a combined movement against the Boer forces under General Delarey was undertaken on Sunday last, and that though 139 prisoners and five large guns were captured, Delarey, as usual, escaped.

General Kitchener's report is dated March 25, and reads as follows: "At dusk on the evening of March 23

a combined movement against Delarey was undertaken by columns of mounted troops only, without guns or impedimenta, starting from Commando Drift, on the Vaal, Klerksdorp and Vaalbank, on the Lichtensburg blockhouse line.

"Traveling rapidly through the night, the troops reached a position on a line from Commando Drift, through Swart Bank, and back to the Lichtenburg line. "At dawn the columns began moving

rapidly to the east, keeping a continuous line, with the object of driving the enemy against the blockhouses or forcing action "Kekewich captured three fifteenpounders, two pompoms, nine prisoners,

some mules, carts and wagons. Kitchener captured eighty-nine prisoners, carts, wagons, and 1,000 cattle. "In the blockhouses there are a few other prisoners.

The troops covered eighty miles in twenty-four hours.

"Delarey escaped. "The total number of prisoners is 139. It is presumed here that the Transvaal executive council, headed by Acting President Schalkburger, is now con-ferring with General De Wet and President Steyn, at or near Hoopstad, in the northwestern portion of the Orange River

Several days must elapse before the result is known. Lord Kitchener's despatches today, reporting operations against General Delarey, dispose of the suggestion that an armistice is in force.

Accept Work Assigned in Connection With G. A. R.

The acceptance by Surgeon General P. M. Rixey, of the navy, and Surgeon General George M. Sternberg, of the army, of invitations to serve as members of the medical committee for the thirty-sixth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to be held in this city next October, was announced at encampment headquarters this morning.

Dr. Hickling, the chairman of the committee, has gathered about him a committee of representative physicians and those who are sufficiently interested in the work to insure the fact that everything will be well done. A meeting of the committee for the purpose of organ-

izing will shortly be called. The prices for the joint lecture at the Columbia Theatre on April 8 by Messrs. Stickney and Archibald, on the methods of modern warfare as illustrated by the battle of Manila and in the campaign in the physical opening of the streets and length of the need for the opening of South Africa, were decided upon this morning, and the work of advertising the The discussion today was directed to congested on Brightwood Avenue, and beentertainment will be immediately proceeded with. The general admission will be 50 cents, while 75 cents will be charged for reserved seats. Already enquiries for these tickets are being made, and it is believed that a considerable revenue will be turned into the coffers of the citizens'

Most urgent requests have been sent to the various members of the executive committee requesting their presence at the meeting of the committee, which will he held Friday night at 8 o'clock at the Riggs House. This meeting will be the most important one that has been held, and it is desired that a full attendance be present. Chairman Warner will then an-nounce the much-delayed plans that he has under consideration, and ask the sanction of the committee. The chair-men of the various subcommittees have also been requested to hand in the com-plete lists of their committees on or be-fore that meeting, as it will probably inaugurate the actual work of preparing

for the coming multitudes.

There will also be a meeting of the committee on printing tomorrow night at \$\mathbb{B}\$ o'clock at encampment headquariers, 1465 New York Avenue northwest.

Examining Miss Toppin.

BARON STABLE, Mass., March 26 .- In sanity experts have been examining Jane mitted to an asylum instead of being put on trial for poisoning Mrs. Mary D. Gibbs, of Cataumet. The experts passed most of last Friday with her, and are to see her again this week. When they make their report the authorities will decide whether she will be put on trial.

Representative Moody of Massachusetts, NOTTINGHAM. England, March 26.—
The Bestwood Flate Race Run.

Representative Moody of Massachusetts, NOTTINGHAM. England, March 26.—
The Bestwood Plate of 260 sovereigns was won today by Russet Brown, with Martin up. Dandy Day, ridden by Bray, was second, and Hawkweed, piloted by Griggs, was third.

THE BOER FORCE ESCAPES FROM THE BRITISH, PRACTICALLY INTACT

General Lord Kitchener reports to the London War Office that he has just completed a supreme and futile effort to capture or crush General Delarcy.

A combined move, the purpose of which was to drive the Boers against the line of British blockhouses, was made, but the wary Boer got through the cordon with his force practically intact. Only 139 of them were taken,

CECIL RHODES, "KING OF SOUTH AFRICA," IS DEAD



CECIL RHODES

LONDON, March 26 .- A despatch from | ing interests coupled with Mr. Rhodes Cape Town to the "Central News" says political prestige, gave the man an influ-hat Cecil Rhodes died at 6 o'clock this ence whose vigorous use won him the

ests chiefly upon his industrial ventures To him the burghers attribute the pres and schemes, and his vigorous and almost ent war more than to all others com invariably successful policy. He it was bined who kept Bechuanaland in the hands of Mr. Kruger's secretary of state, Reitz the English to the exclusion of the Boers, declares this in an official statement of and he it was who originated the immense South African conditions, issued by him 'Cape to Cairo' scheme—now being just previous to the war's and the interest of the statement of the conditions, issued by him just previous to the war's and the interest of the statement of the conditions, issued by him just previous to the war's and the interest of the conditions, issued by him just previous to the conditions, issued by him just previous to the conditions.

Wednesday) evening.

Mr. Rhodes' public and political career

title of "The King of South Africa".

Cecil Rhodes was more bitterly hated has been one of distinction, but his fame of the Boers than any other Englishman.

scheme-now being just previous to the war's outpreal

gantic that it has served to dwarf most (Mr. Rhodes, other projects, but they hose other projects—are, albeit, of vast duce England's policy of an induce England's policy of conquest in Indeed the tremendous and far-reach- South Africa. STREET EXTENSION URGED

BY PROMINENT CITIZENS

Mr. Blair Lee and Others Speak on Suburban Improve-

ment of Important Thoroughfares.

Congress providing for the extensions.

erence to the dedications of the right of stances.

way, carrying, as they did, a pledge for Mr. Louis P. Shoemaker spoke at som their improvement within certain limits. these thoroughfares as travel is much were untenable, and that the propositions been put in bad condition by hauling in-

the Washington City Orphan Asylum, pre- of reaching Rock Creek Park. sented the case to the Commissioners, wood Citizens' Association. He showed that donations of 87 per cent of the right of way had been secured for Fourteenth improved since that time. Street and 80 per cent for Thirteenth

Mr. Lee stated that maps of the dedicaions had been signed and left in his posession to be delivered to the Commissioners when two conditions precedent hereto had been complied with. One of dedicate the right of way for streets unhese was that the donors of the right of less they can see that it is of unquesway were not to be assessed for benefits, tioned benefit to the property. rovement of the streets within specified B. Jameson, W. F. Saunders, William J.

The District Commissioners today grant- | Mr. Lee's argument was directed to ed a hearing to a delegation of residents, showing that the Commissioners could property holders, and representatives of accept the proposition proposed, as they owners of property along the line of would have a less expenditure than is Thirteenth and Fourteenth Streets ex-tended relative to the opening of those way when streets are extended. He thoroughfares. The question discussed showed that by the dedication of the was the report of the Commissioners re- right of way, and the condemnation of cently made upon the bill introduced in the small percentages not given, the Commissioners could spend \$30,000 or In that report the Commissioners took \$40,000 on each street and still be within the ground that they could not accede the limit of expenditure made in getting to the propositions it contained with ref- the right of way in the majority of in-

showing the Board that its conclusions cause the Fourteenth Street Road has contained in the bill were practicable and cident to the construction of the reserconsistent with fair dealing on the part voir at Brightwood. The extension of the car line out Fourteenth Street was also Mr. Blair Lee, one of the trustees of mentioned as being desirable as a mean

Mr. Wilton Lambert spoke of an ingiving the history of the movement from stance near the north side of the District the beginning and showing how the con- where, two years ago, Congress and the tracts for the dedications had been ob- Commissioners had united in granting an tained through the efforts of the Bright- appropriation conditional upon the dedication of the right of way, and that the money had been expended and the street

Mr. Thomas Blagden spoke of the difficulty in getting the dedications for the streets, as most of the property in that section of the District is under trus's and the holders of the loans are loath to allow the owners of the property to

Others present were Messrs. E. N. Rob inson, B. Francis Saul, John A. Saul, Rhees, and A. S. Mattingly.

Representative Moody at White House,

Bestwood Plate Race Ruh.

J. PIERPONT MORGAN TAKES WITNESS STAND

Answers Freely Questions of Examining Attorney.

THE COURT ROOM CROWDED

Financier's Presence Attracted a Motley Jam to the Hearing-Mr. Morgan Had the Assembled Photographers Hustled Out Before He Began His Testimony.

NEW YORK, March 26 .- J. P. Morgan, he recognized financial leader of the United States, the maker of corporations and the developer of railroads, was the cadstone which filled the United States rircuit court room in the Federal Buildng this morning to hear the banker tesify in the suit of Peter Power against the Northern Pacific Railroad to restrain that road from converting its preferred stock to that of the Northern Securities

Morgan's opinions and views are things o be treasured in Wall Street, for he rarely talks, even to his most intimate riends, concerning his plans.

Newspaper men have waited weeks for just a line, and then did not get it. It is said that at his club Mr. Morgan plays solitaire because he can be alone to talk.

An eager crowd of brokers, lawyers, court room wondering if Morgan would tell of those wonderful communication which he is said to have sent over that leased cable wire from Aix-les-Bains to his office here, concerning the Northern Pacific "corner."

Industrial commissions and commis sions appointed by Congress have subpoenaed Morgan repeatedly, but he only tossed the summons in the wastebasket, and the commission departed without the desired testimony.

Today was his debut as a witness and Wall Street fairly bugged itself with de-

Promptly at 11:45 Morg n statked into the court room, glared at the reporters and the photographers who had perched their cameras on the firing lines around the edge of the room, and took a seat at the witness table,

Morgan complained about the snap-shot men, and they were hustled out of the George Lamb, one of the lawyers for

the complainant, opened the proceed by nervously asking Morgan if he was a member of J. P. Morgan & Co.

"You are familiar with the status of the Great Northern Railroad and other

Morgan said that he knew all he could of the Great Northern and the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy roads. He said his house never speculated to any extent for themselves, but dealt in stocks for the benefit of customers and financial

He said that he was a member of the roting trust of the Northern Pacific in (Continued on Sixth Page.)

URGING HIS RETENTION

Democratic Representative Seconds Quay's Effort.

Senator Quay of Pennsylvania and Rep sentative Livingston of Georgia were as the White House today in the interests of Commissioner General of Immigration Powderly, who has been marked for the political headsman.

There isn't any politics in my defence of Mr. Powderly," said Colonel Living-ston. "When Powderly entered the office publican in it. Now the clerks are all Republican except two. It would be to interest of the Democratic party if the President did fire Powderly out, for the Republicans would lose thousands of votes throughout the country as a direct result of it, not to mention two Representatives in Congress from Mr. Powder-

"I merely moved in the matter becaus Powderly is an honest man, and the Presi dent was preparing to dismiss him under a cloud, when a higher authority than he was to blame for the crookedness over in the New York barge office.

"When the official investigation into the New York immigration office affairs was made, Assistant Secretary Taylor was present and intimidated witnesses to prevent disclosures. After the investigation was over, Powderly wanted to make the result public, but was prevented for political reasons.

"Taylor says that I went into this hing because I was angry at not being able to seure an increase of pay for Frank Larned, Mr. Powderly's chief clerk. This is not true. It is a subterfuge on Taylor's

Senator Quay once before protested against Mr. Powderly's removal, and while he would make no statement today, it is understood that he told the President that Mr. Taylor was responsible for the irregularities charged against Mr. Pow-

A representative of the American Federation of Labor also called at the White House to ay and stated to the President that that organization would not look with favor on Mr. Powderly's removal. Mr. Powderly was formerly at the head of the Knights of Labor.

CORONATION NAVAL REVIEW.

The Date of the Demonstration Officially Fixed for June 28. PORTSMOUTH, England, March 26.

The coronation naval review has been officially fixed for June 28.

About 133 British and 20 foreign war ships, including Americans, Germans, Italians, Portuguese, Dutch, Swedish, French, Russian, and possibly Spanish, will participate.

RATHBONE CHARGES CONSPIRACY, AND IS CALLED LIAR BY WOOD

GENERAL WOOD MINCES

NO WORDS IN DENIAL

General Wood comes out flat in his denial of the cabled message of Rathbone to a Hamilton, Ohio, paper, declaring that his conviction was the result of the general's orders to the courts and of a political conspiracy. The general declares the statements are lies: that there was no Government interference, and that Rathbone had a fair trial in every respect.

BOY OF TWELVE ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

Little Hezekiah Coates Is Calm in Court.

SEEMS A MERE SPECTATOR

Victim of His Alleged Crime Was a Child of Eight-Both Colored and Both Lived in Anacostia-Regular Panel Exhausted in Selecting a Jury.

Little Hezekiah Coates, the twelve ear-old colored boy accused of murder for which crime, upon conviction, he may be hanged, was put on trial in Criminal Court No. 1 this morning. The alleged victim of his murderous

assault was little Carrie Corbin, eight years old, also colored. Both lived in Anacostia, and the alleged crime was committed December 12, 1901.

Coates was brought into court by the officers, no friend or relative accompanying him. But he didn't seem to mind that. He took it all as a matter of course, and watched the proceedings very calmly, and to one who did not know have appeared as a very indifferent spec-

Demurrer Overruled.

The attorneys, who had been appointd by the court to take care of his cause, Messrs. Strasburger and Damihan, filed a demurrer this morning to the indictment on which the accused was arraigned.

ganized under the authority of special legislation in January last. It was contended in behalf of the accused that he should have been indicted, if at all, by a grand jury organized under the law in force at the time the crime for which he Lad's Life at Stake.

Should conviction follow the trial of Hezekiah Coates, colored, twelve years old, accused of the murder of Carrie Corbin, colored, eight years old, he would be liable to be hanged. His attorneys filed a demurrer in his case this morning, which was overruled. The work of selecting a jury is in progress.

The demurrer was overruled by Justice Anderson, and counsel for the prisoner Regular Panel Exhausted.

The work of empaneling a jury was begun, and the members of the regular panel were examined individually as to their qualifications. The regular panel was exausted without a jury having been selected. Justice Anderson directed the marshal to summon twenty extra talesmen to report at 1 p. m., at which that the lad was the accused, he would time the work of empaneling the jury was continued. The crime for which Coates is placed

on trial was committed at dark, on the date mentioned. He left his home in Anacostia armed with a double-barreled shot-gun, with the avowed purpose of hunting ghosts. He had not gone far when he saw Carrie Corbin approaching

He is alleged to have called to her to indicted by a grand jury which was or- halt, and without waiting for a reply, fired at her. His aim was good, and the girl dropped dead in the roadway. The oting, it is claimed, was accidental. The Government is represented by Assistant District Attorney Thomes C.

CAPITOL DOME MADE ALTAR OF HYMEN

Marriage Ceremony Celebrated at Great Altitude.

JUSTICE BUNDY PRESIDES

band and Wife While Standing 375 States forces from the island. Feet Above the Level of the Street.

Standing on the parapet encircling the dome of the Capitol, 275 feet above the Minister, censuls, and other officials. The level of the street, Senor Andres Diaz y Pairo, of Cuba, and Miss Catharine Mc-Conachie were united in marriage at 12:56 sage to call the attention of Congress

Bundy in the presence of Lieutenant States and Cuba. Hamilton and Officer Smith, of the Capitol police force, and two newspaper men The wedding was celebrated in the open ir as the contracting parties stood facing the broad avenue stretching out toward the White House, and as the olemn words were spoken the happy ouple looked down upon the Peace Monument at the foot of the Capitol.

Climbed to Happiness. It was a long and tedious climb to the sinnacle of the Capitol, somewhat typical of the course of their love, but it led tion of Federal patronage. o happiness and bliss. The bride's face

She was attired in a becoming traveling own of grey and wore a big bunch of iolets and a cluster diamond pin, the gift of the bridegroom. The ceremony was simple in the exreme and occupied but a couple of min-The young people joined hands

while the words were spoken which made them husband and wife. Justice Bundy was the first to extend agratulations and wish them a life of appiness.

Various Photographs Taken. The joyous pair remained for a time The joyous pair remained for a time night, involved the points most at issue taking a bird's-eye view of the city and then took snapshot pictures of each other advocates. and then were photographed together

with the justice standing with them. Senor Diaz and his bride will leave for New York tenight and then go to Spain on their wedding tour, where they will the Olympia, Dewey's flagship at Manila, witness the coronation of the young King. They will then return to Havana, where hey will make their home.

The couple met in New York city several years ago and only recently resolved upon the remantic marriage beneath the ed superintendent of the hospital trust Capitol dome.

To Treat of Evacuation, Establishment of Diplomatic Relations, and Diplomacy. native Cubans, were also involved and President Roosevelt, within a day or convicted some time ago, and are now Diplomatic Relations, and Diplomacy. two, will send a special message to Congress announcing the forthcoming inaug-Senor Andres Diaz y Pairo, of Cuba, and uration of the new Cuban Government on Miss Catharine McConachie Made Hus- May 20, and the withdrawal of the United

He will suggest the enactment of legislation necessary to the establishment of diplomatic relations with the new Repub lic by the location of a United States Legation in Havana, the appointment of a again to the importance of reciprocal The ceremony was performed by Justice | commercial relations between the United

FAVOR PARDON ATTITUDE.

G. A. R. Men From Cincinnati See President Roosevelt.

Frank Bruner and Fred McDonough, of Lytle Post, G. A. R., of Cincinnati, today buildings shall be erected in the District dent Roosevelt at the time of the Na- width of the adjoining street, measured mending his order that civil war veterans be given preference in the disposi-

Mr. Bruner informed the President that was flushed as she stepped out upon the the G. A. R. of Ohio endorsed his attiparaphet, but she had a smile of con- tude in refusing pardons to deserters. Mr. Roosevelt d lared that deserters would never find favor in his eyes

SPEAKER HENDERSON CALLS.

Talks With the President Concerning Cuban Sugar Tariff.

Speaker Henderson called on Presiden oosevelt at the White House today and prospective Cuban tariff legislation in | new law. Congress. The conference following closely, as it did, the one between the House leaders and the President last

Ten Deserters Arrested. NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 26 .- The olice arrested today ten deserters from receiving \$10 for each man.

American Woman Honored. LONDON, Ont., March 26 .- Miss Edith Bayon, of Philadelphia, has been appoint-

Orders. LATTER GIVES INDIGNANT DENIAL Declares That the Allegations in Signed Despatch Are False.

Says Conviction Was

Result of Cuban

Governor's

GIVEN FAIREST OF TRIALS

Greatest Care Was Taken, Says General Wood, to See That There Was No Government Interference, and There Was None-Rathbone Says He Will Appeal.

A Press Association despatch to The Evening Times this morning from Hamil-

"Major E. G. Rathbone, convicted in Cuba for alleged postal frauds, cabled the following message to a newspaper here:
"In my case the verdict is the result of General Wood's orders to those at the

'It is a political conspiracy. " 'I will appeal the case."

General Wood's Indignant Denial. When General Wood was shown a copy of the above cable purporting to have come from Major Rathbone, he indignant-

ly denied the charges, and said: 'Rathbone's statement is utterly false and without foundation. "He had a fair trial in every detail, and great care was taken that there should be no Government interference,

and there was none You can say for me that his stateents as contained in this cablegram are

How Rathbone Was Involved. It was from Hamilton that Rathbons was appointed chief postoffice inspector, and later Fourth Assistant Postmaster

General. He was then appointed director general of posts for Cuba. When the charges of embezzlement against C. F. W. Neely, chief of the financial bureau of the Cuban posts, were made, Rathbone's name was not mentioned. Then W. H. Reeves, chief of the bureau of postal accounts of Cuba, made a confession implicating Rathbone along with Neely and himself. The features of the charges against

Rathbone were extravagance in his official administration and the conversion of public funds to private purposes.

Their Punishments. As has already been told, all were convicted by the Cuban courts and each ntenced to ten years' imprison with fines amounting to the sums of their alleged embezzlements, as follows: Neely, \$56,701; Rathbone, \$35,324; and

E. P. Thompson, postmaster of Havana, and two of his subordinates, both serving out their sentences.

BILL IS INTRODUCED

Offered in the Senate Today By Mr. McMillan.

Senator McMillan today introduced his long-expected measure to regulate the height of buildings in the District. it is in the form of a joint resolution, and provides, in brief, that no building shall be erected of a height greater than the width of the street on which it is located, easured from curb to curb.

The wording of the resolution is as fol-"That hereafter on residence streets no made arrangements to present to Presi- of Columbia to a height greater than the

> between curb lines." The significant points of the measure are that it is restricted to buildings on residence streets, and that the width of the streets is to be measured between the curbs instead of between the building

> The present regulations with regard to the height of buildings have been interpreted to refer to the width between building lines. The wide sidewalks and parking on both sides of nearly all streets have thus added materially to the permissible height of new buildings.

Many of the apartment buildings reently erected have taken advantage of this interpretation and are much higher iscussed at great length with him the than would be allowed by the proposed The restriction of the proposed law to

MR. CLEVELAND COMING.

He Will Spend a Short Time in Washington This Evening.

Ex-President Cleveland will arrive in Washington at 9:30 o'clock tonight. He is on his way with a party of friends to Jacksonville, Fla., and will leave this city in Mr. Lamont's private car "Yokima" for Jacksonville at 9:55 o'clock tonight, the journey being made via the Southern Railway.